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In re Patent Application of	, ,
Kengo AKIMOTO et al	Group Art Unit: To be assigned
Application No.: To be assigned (National Phase of PCT Int'l Appln. No. PCT/JP00/05425 filed August 11, 2000) Filed: April 13, 2001	Examiner: To be assigned
For: MICROORGANISMS THAT EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE LIPIDS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID VESICLES ENCAPSULATING LIPIDS USING SAID MICROORGANISMS	
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT	
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	
Sir:	
Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend	
the application as follows:	
IN THE CLAIMS	
Please delete claim 44 without prejudice or disclaimer	
Please replace claims 3, 7/10, 12, 13, 17-26, 30-33, 36, 43, 45 and 49-51 as	
follows.	
3. (Amended) The microorganism according to claim 1, which is filamentous	

7. (Amended) The microorganism according to claim 1, which has a property of forming lipid vesicles containing a lipid around the colonies when said microorganism is